

### Establishment of Bamboo Seasoning Kilns in each District.

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Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the area in the State under bamboo cultivation (District-war figures may be furnished) ;

(b) the annual abstraction of the same ; (Districtwar figures to be furnished) ;

(c) the use to which it is put ;

(d) the number of Bamboo seasoning kilns that operate in the districts ;

(e) whether Government have any schemes to increase the number of any bamboo kilns ;

(f) whether they will consider the utility or need of installing bamboo seasoning kilns in every district where the area is more than 10,000 acres ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(a) Bamboo is naturally grown and not cultivated. It is spread over an area of 13,96,750 acres in the State.

District-wise breakup figures of areas covered by Bamboos and their extraction cannot be given as the Forest Divisions are not coterminous with that of the Districts.

The following is the forest area covered by Bamboo (Division-wise).—

Name of Forest Division	Extent of area covered by Bamboos in acres.
Kanara Northern Division	3,18,924-00
Kanara Western Division	1,66,889-00
Kanara Eastern Division	3,20,917-00
Sagar Division	52,534-00
Shimoga Division	86,000-00
Bhadravathi Division	1,46,189-00
North and South Coorg Divisions.	1,28,000-00
Mysore Division	1,23,000-00
Kollegal Division	59,704-00
Acres ...	13,96,756-00

(b) Districtwise figures in respect of extraction of bamboos are not available for the above reason. The total quantity of bamboos removed by purchasers and consumers during 1959-60 is as under :—

To whom supplied or by whom removed.	Quantity.
Bhadravathi Division (Mysore Paper Mills).	12,227 Tons.
Bhadravathi Division (Mysore Iron and Steel Works).	13,900 Nos.
Mysore State Electricity Department.	500 Nos.
Kanara N.D. (West Coast Paper Mills).	38,164 Tons

#### Others.

Big bamboos	25,99,207 Nos.
Small bamboos	79,14,698 ,,
Shibs	27,22,861 ,,
Thorns (Bamboos)	4,499 Clds.
Garte Bamboos	4,28,175 Nos.
Seebu	83,611 Clds.
Split Bamboo	2,160 Clds.
Vate Bamboos	1,78,263 Nos.
Arkady	291 Clds.
	2,282 Head Loads.
Dry Bamboos	582 Clds.*

(c) It is used in cottage industries for making baskets, etc., thatches for huts and sheds and in the manufacture of pulp and paper.

(d) There are five seasoning kilns in the State (2 kilns in Shimoga, 2 in Coorg and 1 in Dandeli) and Bamboos can be seasoned in these kilns.

(e) Government have recently sanctioned two mobile Bamboo treatment plants. Orders have been placed with the supplying Firm. It is proposed to locate them in Shimoga ; but they being mobile can move from circle to circle.

(f) The number of mobile treatment plants will be increased, depending upon the public demand for treated bamboos.